

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph in the detailed description, on page 3, lines 3-8 as follows:

The impeller 1 comprises a hollow central hub 2, extending substantially symmetrically about its central axis of rotation 3, a stiffening ring 4, centred on the axis 3 and surrounding the hub 2, and a plurality of blades 5, ~~seven~~eight in the embodiment illustrated in Figure 1, each extending between the hub 2 and the ring 4 in a direction transversal to the axis 3.